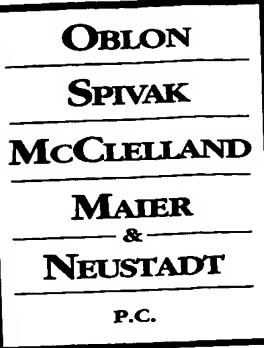


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Prior to consideration of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs at page 24, line 14 through page 27, line 11, as follows:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view representing a composite optical component according to the First Invention;

Figs. 2A and B are explanatory diagrams representing the Embodiment 1 of the First Invention;

Figs. 3A and B are explanatory diagrams representing the Embodiment 2 of the First Invention;

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